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**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**  
**FY 2020 Town Budget Adoption**  
**May 8, 7:00 pm**

The Town Council will hold a public hearing before adopting the FY2020 General Fund Budget and the FY 2020 Public Safety Taxing District Budget.

The meeting is held in the Town Administration Building at 5700 Berwyn Road. Public comments are welcome. For more detailed FY 2020 budget information, please see pages 14-18.

Contact Town Manager Broadbent with any questions or comments at [mbroadbent@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:mbroadbent@berwynheightsmd.gov) or in person.

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**MEMORIAL DAY - MAY 27**

Town Offices Are Closed

Monday's refuse will be picked up on Tuesday. No yard waste collection.

See calendar on page 31

**CODE REMINDERS**

**'Tis the season...  
 for grass to grow.**

Please be reminded to keep your grass cut below 10", as required by the Town's [Clean Lot Ordinance](#). Please also keep trees and shrubs pruned so that they don't obstruct sidewalks or drivers' sightlines.



Yard waste should be placed into brown paper yard waste bags or a designated yard waste bin. Large branches should be tied into bundles not to exceed 4' in length and 2' in diameter. Bamboo should be kept separate from other yard waste, as it cannot be composted and is taken to the landfill.

**PLEASE, PUT A LID ON IT**

Help us keep our Town clean and place trash bags into a container with a tight-fitting lid when setting it out for collection. This prevents animals from getting into the trash and scattering it.



**RECORDATORIOS  
 DE CODIGO**

Recuerde que debe mantener su césped por debajo de 10", como lo exige la Ordenanza de Lote Limpio de la pueblo. También mantenga los árboles y arbustos podados para que no obstruyan las aceras o las líneas de visión de los conductores.

Los desechos de jardín deben colocarse en bolsas de desechos de papel marrón o en un contenedor de desechos designado. Las ramas grandes se deben atar en paquetes que no excedan los 4' de largo y los 2' de diámetro. El bambú debe mantenerse separado de otros desechos del jardín, ya que no se puede compostar y se lleva al vertedero.

**POR FAVOR, PONGA UNA TAPA EN CONTENEDOR**

Ayúdenos a mantener nuestro pueblo limpio y coloque bolsas de basura en un contenedor con una tapa ajustada cuando lo coloque. Esto evita que los animales entren en la basura y la dispersen.

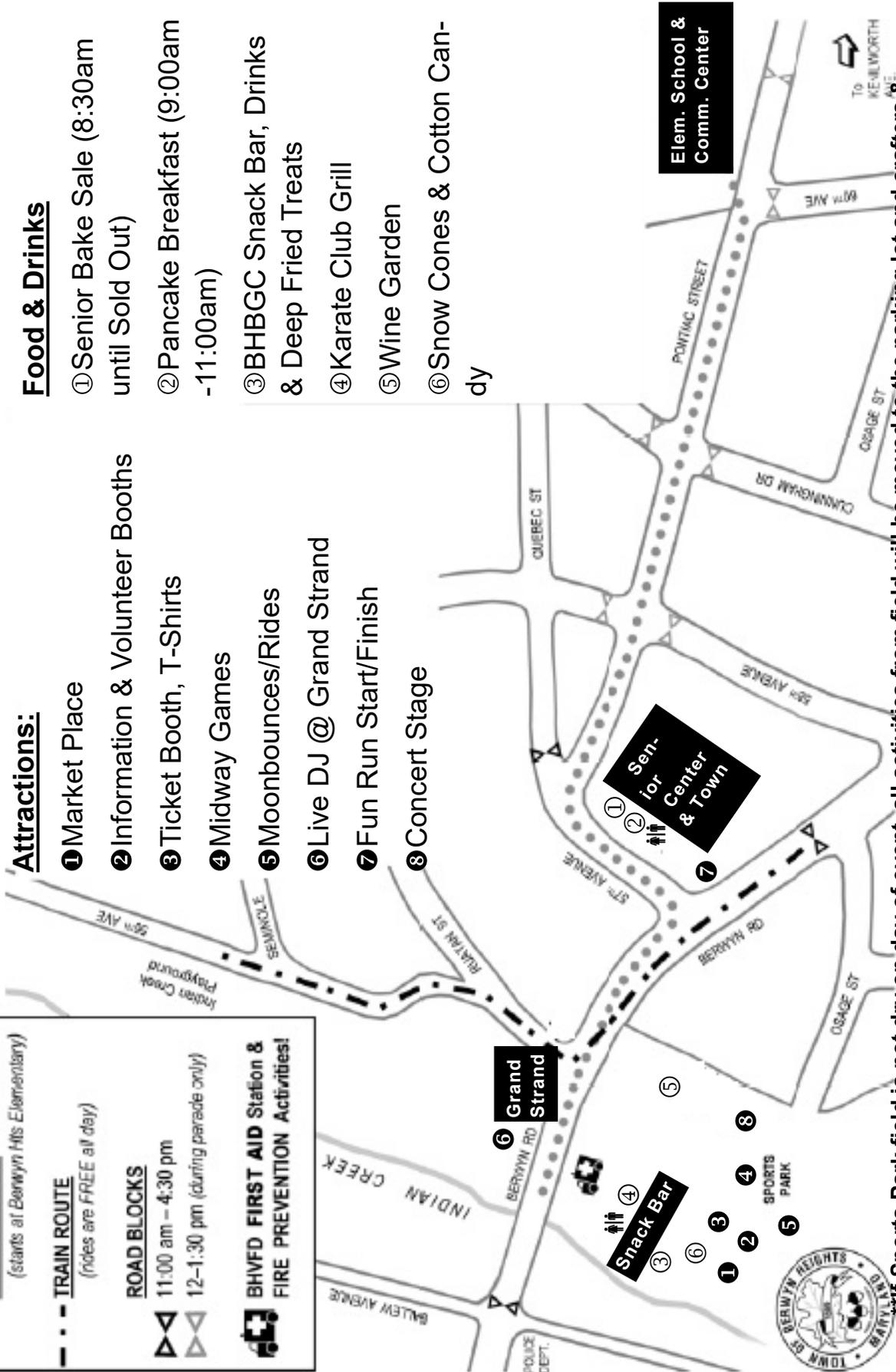
**In Case of Severe Rain:** Activities will move to 6200 Pontiac Street—Kids Games, Rides and DJ will be in the Community Center Gym; and Vendors, Food, and the Hall Brothers (band) will be in the BHES Multipurpose Room. at the Town Center, 5700 Berwyn Road.

**BERWYN HEIGHTS DAY**

- PARADE ROUTE**  
(starts at Berwyn Mts Elementary)
- TRAIN ROUTE**  
(rides are FREE all day)
- ROADBLOCKS**  
11:00 am – 4:30 pm  
12–1:30 pm (during parade only)
- BHVD FIRST AID Station & FIRE PREVENTION Activities!**

**Attractions:**

- 1 Market Place
  - 2 Information & Volunteer Booths
  - 3 Ticket Booth, T-Shirts
  - 4 Midway Games
  - 5 Moonbounces/Rides
  - 6 Live DJ @ Grand Strand
  - 7 Fun Run Start/Finish
  - 8 Concert Stage
- Food & Drinks**
  - 1 Senior Bake Sale (8:30am until Sold Out)
  - 2 Pancake Breakfast (9:00am -11:00am)
  - 3 BHBGC Snack Bar, Drinks & Deep Fried Treats
  - 4 Karate Club Grill
  - 5 Wine Garden
  - 6 Snow Cones & Cotton Candy



\*\*If Sports Park field is not dry on day of event, all activities from field will be moved to the parking lot and crafters & vendor booths will extend up Berwyn Road towards the Town Center. Concert will move to the Town Center parking lot.

# Berwyn Heights Day ***FUN RUN*** May 4th, 8:30 am

Bring the whole family for an enjoyable run/walk around Lake Artemesia.  
Post-race refreshments served! This race is non-competitive!

**Registration begins at 8:00 am at the Town Center**

**Cost \$10.00 per adult | \$5.00 per child 13-17 | \$2.00 12 and under | Strollers FREE.**

Please make checks out to the Berwyn Heights Recreation Council



NAME \_\_\_\_\_ AGE (if under 18) \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

**WAIVER – MUST BE SIGNED BEFORE REGISTRATION WILL BE ACCEPTED**

I know that running a race is a potentially hazard activity. I should not enter and run or walk unless I am medically able and properly trained. I agree to abide by any decision of a race official relative to my ability to safely complete the run. I assume all risks associated with this event including, but not limited to falls, contact with other participants, effect of weather, traffic, and the condition of the track, all such risks being known and appreciated by me. Having read this waiver and knowing these facts, and in consideration of your accepting my entry, I, for myself, and anyone entitled on my behalf, waive and release the Town of Berwyn Heights, its agents, servants and employees and event sponsors for all claims and liability of any kind arising out of my participation in this event including any liability which may arise out of the negligence or carelessness on the part of the person named in the waiver.

PRINT NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

PARENTS SIGNATURE IF UNDER 18 \_\_\_\_\_

# Berwyn Heights Day 2019

Join us for a full day of fun Saturday, May 4th!



- 8:00-8:30 am Fun Run Registration at Town Center  
8:30-9:30 am Fun Run from Town Center around Lake Artemesia  
8:30 am-Sold Out Seniors Bake Sale at the Senior Center  
9:00-11:00 am Pancake Breakfast at Town Center, Upper Level  
12:00 pm Parade from BH Elementary to Sports Park  
12:00-4:00 pm Festivities at Sports Park including:

**The Grand Strand**— Parade Announcement, “Citizen(s) of the Year” Award, and Dance Music by Texas Fred the Zydeco Cowboy

**The Marketplace**—Mother’s Day is right around the corner, grab a gift for mom or yourself at one of our many Crafter or Vendor Tables.

**Information & Volunteer Booths**— Stop by and get more information from Local Businesses, Town Groups & Organizations

(Ride Tickets & BH Day Shirts available at the Rec Council Table!)

**Food Court**— Something for everyone! Hot Dogs, Burgers & BBQ at the Karate Club Grill; Deep Fried Treats, Snacks & Drinks at the Boys & Girls Club Snack Bar; Snow Cones, Cotton Candy & more!

**Rides & Attractions**— Clown, Inflatable Obstacle Course, Moonbounce, Train Ride, Kids Games, Face Painting & More!

**Live Concert**—The Hall Brothers, 1pm-4pm

**\*In Case of Severe Rain:** Activities will be moved to 6200 Pontiac St. Games, Rides & DJ will be in the Community Center Gym; Food, Vendors & Concert will be in the BHES Multipurpose Room.

Coming up June 27th, 6-8pm @ Lake Artemesia:

The Susan Jones Jazz Quartet in Concert!

See next month’s bulletin for details!

Next Rec Council Meetings are Tue. May 7th and Tue. June 4th at 7:30pm in the G. Love Room next to the Town Center.

**Juntos podemos cerrar la brecha entre  
La comunidad Latina y  
el Departamento de Policia de Berwyn Heights!**



## **Programa de Alcance a La Comunidad Latina**



El propósito de esta iniciativa es mejorar la relación de el Departamento De Policia de Berwyn Heights con la comunidad Latina/Hispana. La mejora de esta relación fomentará una mayor confianza y unidad, lo que conducirá a una mejora en la vigilancia comunitaria.

Con este programa esperamos ver mas presencia latina en los eventos y actividades del la comunidad.



ESTAMOS AQUÍ PARA AYUDAR A LA COMUNIDAD LATINA DE BERWYN HEIGHTS Y SUS FAMILIAS A COMPRENDER LAS LEYES DE MARYLAND Y CUALQUIER DIFICULTAD INTERCULTURAL.

PROPORCIONAMOS UN LUGAR PARA QUE LA COMUNIDAD LATINA BUSQUE AYUDA Y REPORTE CRÍMENES SIN TEMOR DE REPRESALIA.

TRATAMOS DE MEJORAR LA CONFIANZA Y LA COOPERACIÓN ENTRE LA COMUNIDAD LATINA DE LA BHPD.

AYUDAMOS A LA GENTE A COMPRENDER EL PROCESO LEGAL, TANTO EN MATERIA PENAL, ORDENANZAS DE LA CIUDAD Y LOS CASOS RELACIONADOS CON EL TRÁFICO.

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Together we can bridge the gap between  
The Latino/Hispanic community and  
the Berwyn Heights Maryland Police Department!



## Outreach to the Latino/Hispanic Community



The purpose of this initiative is to improve the relationship of The Berwyn Heights Maryland Police Department with the Latino/Hispanic community. The improvement of this relationship will foster increased trust and unity, which will lead to an improvement in community policing.

With this program we hope to see more of a Latino/Hispanic presence in events and activities of the Berwyn Heights community.



WE ARE HERE TO HELP BERWYN HEIGHTS LATINO RESIDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES TO UNDERSTAND THE MARYLAND LAWS AND ANY CROSS CULTURAL DIFFICULTIES.

WE PROVIDE A PLACE FOR THE LATINO COMMUNITY TO SEEK HELP AND REPORT CRIMES WITHOUT FEAR OF RETALIATION.

WE SEEK TO IMPROVE TRUST AND COOPERATION BETWEEN THE LATINO COMMUNITY AND THE BERWYN HEIGHTS MARYLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT.

WE HELP PEOPLE UNDERSTAND THE LEGAL PROCESS, IN REGARDS TO TOWN ORDINANCES, CRIMINAL AND TRAFFIC RELATED CASES.

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## Worksession Minutes March 4, 2019

Present were Mayor Stephen Isler, Mayor Pro Tempore (MPT) Jason Papanikolas, Councilmembers (CMs) Amanda Dewey, Jeffrey Osmond and Ethan Sweep. Also present were Town Manager (TM) Maria Broadbent, Treasurer Michelle Rodriguez, Clerk Kerstin Harper, Chief Kenneth Antolik, Detective Daniel Unger, Beltway Plaza Representatives Matthew Tedesco and Matt Leikan and citizens.

### Announcements

The Beltway Plaza redevelopment was moved to the top of the agenda.

### Presentations

**Beltway Plaza redevelopment update:** Mayor Isler welcomed Matthew Tedesco, Land Use Attorney with McNamee & Hosea, and Matt Leikan with Rodgers Consultants, for an update on the plans to redevelop Beltway Plaza. Mr. Tedesco said the Beltway Plaza conceptual site plan (CSP 18010) is scheduled for a Planning Board public hearing on March 14 in Upper Marlboro and is posted on their [website](#). The most important changes to the plan since the last meeting with this Council is the inclusion of multi-family housing and streetscaping along Greenbelt Road in Phase 1 of the redevelopment. This was done in response to input from the City of Greenbelt and the Town of Berwyn Heights. The developers hope to have the support of the municipalities as the plan goes through the approval process.

Mr. Leikan discussed the details of the concept plan pertaining to Phase I of the redevelopment. The plan would create a residential transition zone in the back of the mall along Breezewood Drive consisting of 175-250 two-family and single-family town houses as well 100-500 multi-family dwelling units with a variety of ownership types. The buildings will be interspersed with pocket parks, a large common area (approximately the length of a football field), mews, sidewalks and trail connections. The existing ring road would be improved with sidewalks and on-street parking and help the mall to continue to function while the property is being redeveloped. In response to input from the City of Greenbelt, the residential dwellings were redesigned in a more modernist style to reflect Greenbelt's Art Deco roots. Additionally, the streetscapes of Greenbelt Road and Breezewood Drive will be redesigned to make them more attractive and pedestrian friendly and to allow for better ac-

cess into the site.

In response to questions, Mr. Leikan said the amount of green space, which was deemed inadequate by Greenbelt and Berwyn Heights, is typical for a development of this type and implements the relatively rigorous stormwater management requirements of the State of Maryland. Most green space will be combined into common areas, while individual homeowners would have only small green areas. The development, if built out to full extent, could raise around \$25 million in school fees, but the developers have no control over where students would go to school or where a school might be located. A conceptual stormwater management plan that complies with existing regulations has already been approved. Specifics will not be determined until soils have been tested and detailed site plan (DSP) is drawn up.

Mr. Tedesco added, normally, a concept plan is not required for a Mixed-Use Infill (MUI) development, but it was done here because the project is very large and will proceed in multiple phases over many years. This means that many details that will be addressed in a DSP are not yet decided.

Mr. Leikan noted the developers organized a field trip for councilmembers and citizens to have a look at Kentlands, Bethesda Row and Pike & Rose in Montgomery County, which serve as models for the future Beltway Plaza. These life style centers integrate residential with commercial and entertainment uses to create a living neighborhood. They helped spark the New Urbanist movement that is presently reshaping cities and suburbs.

There ensued more discussion about the role of residential areas in sustaining a commercial center/ mall; the projected prices and ownership types of the dwelling units in the residential transition zone; and the stormwater management facilities proposed for the site. Lastly, Mr. Tedesco provided a timeline for the implementation of Phase I. Construction cannot begin until the concept plan, a preliminary plan of subdivision and a detailed site plan have been approved, a process that is likely to take at least 2 years.

### Discussion Items

**FY 2020 budget enhancements:** The Council reviewed a list of FY 2020 budget enhancements proposed by the department directors at the February 4 and 19 worksessions to identify those enhancements that should be included in the proposed budget. The total of all en-

hancements on the list is \$692,000, including alternative options for some items. The anticipated increase in real and personal property revenues for FY2020 is about \$100,000. due to an increased valuation in real property. This assumes the current tax rate of 53 cents per \$100 of assessed real property value is maintained.

For the discussion of the Police Department's budget, Chief Antolik and Detective Unger were present. The Council had requested information about the recommended number of police per capita for Berwyn Heights. TM Broadbent said that Berwyn Heights is in line with the State of Maryland per capita average for a police force, which includes civilian employees. The Council identified the following enhancements for funding in the FY 2020 budget:

#### Public Safety:

- + \$4,200 for 1 solar-powered speed monitoring sign, as opposed over a less expensive battery powered sign. This solar-powered monitor is longer-lasting, has lower maintenance costs, and has a 2-year warranty.
- + \$618 for 2 mini hand-held radar units.
- + \$115,000 for an additional experienced officer, if there are sufficient funds. The officer package includes a vehicle (\$44,200), uniform allowance (\$1,500), overtime (\$5,000) and shift differential (\$4,000) for that officer. A 9<sup>th</sup> officer allows for two officers to be on duty per shift. They would be able to back each other up when necessary, and one could remain on patrol if the other has to travel out of town when an arrest has been made.
- + \$44,200 for a police vehicle to replace an older vehicle. Several older vehicles in the fleet are incurring high maintenance costs. It is recommended that a reserve fund to replace police vehicles be established. If a choice had to be made between a replacement vehicle and an additional officer, Chief Antolik would choose the officer. The Council concurred.
- + \$11,500 for 3 police officer promotions, 1 Lieutenant and 2 Corporals.

#### Code Compliance:

- + \$1,000 for a 3<sup>rd</sup> iPad so each code officer can have his own. The tablets using Comcate software will play a more central role in managing code compliance cases.

#### Public Works:

- + \$15,000 for vehicle repairs. This item was reduced from \$30,000 in the expectation that the cost of re-

pairs will decline with the replacement of the older trucks.

- + \$6,000 for tipping fees, which have been underfunded in recent years. It was noted that the Town does not have an enterprise fund to pay for the cost of disposing refuse and recyclables.
- + \$218,000 for road improvements, including a cul-de-sac in the 8300 block of 58<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Road projects are financed from an infrastructure reserve replenished by Highway User Revenues estimated to come in at \$140,000 and a 3-cent road tax of approximately \$80,000. Phil Ventura, 57<sup>th</sup> Avenue, suggested the Town focus on asphalt work as opposed to concrete work for the next road improvement project. TM Broadbent replied the Town will rely on the Public Works Director's experience and judgment as to what is needed to bring a road up to standard. Meg Miller Shane, 57<sup>th</sup> Avenue commented, she trusts the Town to make the right decision regarding road repairs.
- + \$5,000 for replacing gutters and soffits at the Public Works garage.
- + \$2,000 for landscaping supplies.
- + \$10,000 in Urban Forest expenditures to continue the Town's tree planting and maintenance program.
- + \$10,000 for welcome signs, proposed by the Quality of Life Commission. This figure is a placeholder until the Council decides what type of welcome signs it wants.
- + \$58,000 for new recycling bins and truck-mounted mechanical tipplers. This figure may change as it is proposed to purchase some equipment from the FY 2019 budget.
- + \$18,000 for temporary labor at 20 hours/ per week to assist with leaf collection and other seasonal work.

Administration:

- + \$8,240 for reorganizing administrative staff.
- + \$8,000 for replacing carpets in Town Office.
- + \$6,000 for establishing a vacation leave payout reserve. This assumes a change in the policy for carrying over leave from one year to the next.
- + \$2,000 for scanning and preserving documents. This figure would fund a portion of creating an electronic archive.

Reserves:

- + \$106,215 transfer to maintain the vehicle replacement reserve fund.

COLA/Merit Increases

- + up to 39,750 for a Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) between 1% and 3%. In addition, the Town has traditionally awarded a merit increase based on employees' annual perfor-

mance evaluations. Alternatively, the Town could pay a higher COLA and no merit increases, or promote employees based on a system of step increases within a pay grade, followed by the federal government and some municipalities.

In discussion, CM Osmond said he does not like a cookie cutter system and would prefer a system that rewards performance. TM Broadbent said there are pluses and minuses in each approach. A performance-based pay increase system tends to leave behind those employees that need to be motivated and can create an increasing salary gap between employees doing the same work. The Council agreed to include a 2% COLA, with additional merit increases to be decided at a future worksession.

**4. Minutes**

On a motion by CM Sweep, seconded by CM Dewey, the February 4 worksession minutes were approved 5 to 0. The February 13 Town meeting minutes were reviewed to be approved at the March 13 Town meeting.

**5. Department Reports**

CM Dewey said she put out a call for volunteers to serve on the Education Advisory Committee and just received a couple of emails by interested residents. CM Dewey attended a school infrastructure meeting at Berwyn Heights Elementary School hosted by County Councilmember Danielle Glaros. Ms. Glaros discussed school overcrowding and PGCP's capital improvement plan. She can share materials made available at the event upon request. CM Dewey also announced upcoming events, including the monthly Town cleanup on March 16, a St. Patrick's Day potluck hosted by the Seniors, and a raingarden replanting picnic on March 30.

TM Broadbent requested that residents refrain from including plastic bags among their recyclables because it can lead to the rejection of a load by the County's Materials Recycling Facility. Plastic bags and film of any type cause the facility's sorting machines to malfunction. The Town plans an education campaign on this issue and may soon put stickers on recycling bins saying they won't be picked up if they have plastic bags in the mix.

**6. Town Council Schedule**

The Council reviewed the upcoming Town Council calendar.

**7. Citizens Discussion**

Phil Ventura, 57<sup>th</sup> Avenue, commented on lights being left on overnight in the

second floor of the Town Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:36 p.m.

**Town Meeting Minutes  
March 13, 2019**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Stephen Isler, Mayor Pro Tempore (MPT) Jason Papanikolas, Councilmembers (CMs) Amanda Dewey, Ethan Sweep and Jeffrey Jay Osmond. Also Present were Town Manager (TM) Maria Broadbent, Treasurer Michelle Rodriguez, Clerk Kerstin Harper, Chief Kenneth Antolik, Police Intern Rosa Hernandez, Public Works Director Kenneth Hall, and citizens.

**1. Approval of Agenda**

Mayor Isler asked to add Resolution 6-2019 adopting a fee & fine schedule for Ordinance 125 – Small Cell Facilities. MPT Papanikolas moved and CM Dewey seconded to approve the agenda as amended. The motion passed 5 to 0.

**2. Public Hearing on 58<sup>th</sup> & 60<sup>th</sup> Avenue Parking Restrictions**

Mayor Isler said, in response to recommendations from the Quality of Life Commission/ Traffic & Street Lights Subcommittee, Berwyn Heights Police (BHPD) conducted a traffic study relating to traffic backups in the 8900 block of 58<sup>th</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup> Avenue before they intersect with Greenbelt Road. Based on the findings, BHPD recommends two options for alleviating the problem:

1. No parking on either side of 58th and 60th Avenue 8:00 – 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.
2. No parking along the northbound lanes of 58th and 60th Avenue at any time. Vehicles may continue to park along the southbound lanes.

The Town has since notified the affected residents of the proposed parking restrictions by doorhanger and through the Bulletin. The Council is pleased so many residents have responded by coming to this hearing and sending emails.

At 7:04 p.m., Mayor Isler opened the Public Hearing.

Drew Carlisle, 57<sup>th</sup> Avenue, commented that he cycles throughout Berwyn Heights and drives down these blocks of streets often to go to the Metro station. He would prefer to leave things as they are, but if parking restrictions are to be adopted, he recommends combining the two options and implement 'no parking' along the northbound lanes during rush

hours. The existing situation allowing cars to park on both sides has the merit of slowing down drivers who might otherwise be speeding down that roadway. He believes it this makes the streets safer for both drivers and pedestrians. Furthermore, implementing 'no parking' restrictions is an inconvenience for residents who must park their cars elsewhere.

MaryAnn Walkup said she does not remember the Traffic Subcommittee, of which she was a member, making any recommendations about the congestion problem on 58<sup>th</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

Kenneth Sin, 5917 58<sup>th</sup> Avenue, said he agrees with Mr. Carlisle and opposes any parking restrictions. He is renting rooms in his house, the proceeds of which he needs to pay his property taxes. His tenants are likely to leave if they don't have a place to park.

Joanna and Robert Shaulis, 5907 58<sup>th</sup> Avenue, commented they have not noticed any particular problem with traffic backups on the 5900 block of 58<sup>th</sup> Avenue although they use the road every day. They think speeding is a bigger problem. There are some residents who race up and down the block all night long. Others race to make it through the traffic light onto Greenbelt Road and, for the same reason, don't always stop at the stop sign on Seminole Street. Furthermore, if rush hour parking restrictions are adopted, Ms. Shaulis would have to move her car to another location twice every day.

Mike Attick, 62<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, suggested to put a 'no parking' sign only in front of the commercial building before the Shell station to prevent the worst congestion. Additionally, tenants in two new houses next to the X-Tra Fuel station might be encouraged to park in their driveways rather than in the street.

Joe Nauceri, Quebec Street, agreed with previous speakers in that cars parked in the street oblige drivers to drive more carefully and be courteous. He does not think the Town should put the burden of fixing the traffic problem on the residents that live there by requiring them to find parking elsewhere. Additionally, this would also create parking problems further into the community, as those seeking different parking spaces would take up spaces on Seminole Street and other nearby streets.

In response to a question, Mayor Isler said the emailed comments received by the Council had a mix of preferences, but neither option was a clear favorite.

Angelina Shaulis, 58<sup>th</sup> Avenue, said during rush hour, there is a lot of traffic. However, she is against making one side of the street 'no parking' because it facilitates racing. She would support 'no parking' on one side of the street during rush hour only.

There ensued further discussion during which the following additional points were made: cut-through traffic causes some of the traffic congestion; the Town should allow widening of driveways to enable more off street parking; the Town should consider making one of the streets one-way in and the other one-way out; and the Town should consider instituting a parking pass for residents. Chief Antolik was asked to work with TM Broadbent on a revised proposal that takes tonight's comments into account. It will be taken up by the Council at a future worksession.

At 7:30 p.m., Mayor Isler closed the public hearing.

### 3. Appointment of Historical Committee Member Darald Lofgren

Historical Committee Vice Chair, Sharmila Bhatia was present to request the appointment of Darald Lofgren to the Committee. She said Mr. Lofgren had served on the BHC before but gave up his seat when elected to the Council. He has now decided to return to the Committee. MPT Papanikolas moved, and CM Osmond seconded to appoint Darald Lofgren. The motion passed 5 to 0.

Ms. Bhatia then gave the Historical Committee's monthly report. She announced that the Historical Committee is co-sponsoring an April 5 Team Trivia Night with Recreation Council, plans to participate in Berwyn Heights Day with a tent and exhibits, and hold an event to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Berwyn Heights Company in the fall.

### 4. Approval of Minutes

On a motion by CM Dewey, seconded by CM Osmond, the minutes of the February 13 Town meeting minutes were approved 5 to 0.

### 5. Mayor's Report

Mayor Isler reported the Council has been focused on putting together the FY 2020 Town budget. On Saturday, the Council will hold an all-day budget workshop, at which directors and Town organizations will discuss their budget requests. County Councilmember Glaros held a school infrastructure meeting at Berwyn Heights Elementary School (BHES) in February where community members were briefed on the status of facility improvements in the area. Mayor Isler took part in an education rally in

Annapolis on Monday that drew 8,000 teachers, students and parents, including a group from Berwyn Heights, to petition the General Assembly to increase school funding.

### 6. Department Reports

**Administration:** MPT Papanikolas reported that the Administration Department was busy working on the budget.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Rodriguez gave the report for February 2019. Major revenues included personal property tax and income tax payments, as well as a \$74,000 payment from Greenbelt Station developers and \$15,500 from the Town's health insurance for claims reimbursement.

**Town Manager's Report:** TM Broadbent reported that the Administration Department has been working on the FY 2020 budget and plans to have a complete draft for the Council by Friday. She and CM Dewey had a productive meeting with Park & Planning about maintaining and upgrading properties they own in Berwyn Heights. The new Public Information Aide, Tiffany Minor, is doing a great job and is working on several publicity initiatives, including an educational campaign to keep plastic bags out of the recycling stream. The Prince George's County recycling facility does not accept loads of recyclables that have plastic bags in the mix because it clogs up their machinery. Starting April 15, the Town will follow suit and no longer pick up recyclables that have plastic bags.

In response to questions, TM Broadbent and CM Dewey said any type of plastic film should be kept out of the recycling that is collected by the Town and delivered to the County's recycling facility. However, plastic bags or plastic film can be recycled at most grocery stores.

**Code Compliance:** TM Broadbent gave the report. She reminded owners of rental homes that they must have a lead inspection if their home was built prior to 1978. Once inspected, owners must apply to the Maryland Department of the Environment to obtain a lead-free certificate.

In response to questions, TM Broadbent said refuse should not be set out at the curb in plastic bag. That is a code violation and can be fined. All refuse should be set out for collection in a refuse container with a tight-fitting lid and yard waste should be placed into paper bags or a designated bin. For now, she wants to keep the focus on keeping plastic bags out of the recycling and address other collection issues at a later time to avoid confusion.

Phil Ventura, 57<sup>th</sup> Avenue, asked whether the Town might want to delay purchasing expensive new recycling equipment because the recycling market is in disarray. China and other developing countries are no longer accepting much of the recyclables the U.S. used to send there. It may be that cities will have to abandon single stream recycling and go back to sorting their recyclables by type that requires using different bins.

CM Dewey replied she would ask the Council to defer making a decision until later this fiscal year when the Town is actually planning to purchase the totes and/ or tippers. For the time being, the County's recycling facility continues to accept co-mingled recyclables and the Town will continue its single-stream recycling program. TM Broadbent added, as long as it is cheaper to recycle materials than to deposit them in a landfill, it makes economic sense to recycle. However, there is a problem with the quality of materials being recycled in single stream. People tend to contaminate their recyclables with items that don't belong or contain food residue. She suspects recyclers will tighten their rules about what will be accepted as recyclable.

**Parks & Recreation:** CM Dewey reminded Town organizations they are invited to present their budget requests at the budget workshop on March 23. She then announced upcoming events: a Town cleanup and Pot 'o Gold potluck this Saturday, a Raingarden picnic on March 30, Team Trivia on April 5 and Berwyn Heights Day on May 4. On the education front, she attended Councilwoman Glaros' school infrastructure briefing at BHES and has a copy of the power-point presentation she can share. BHES received its school-based budget for the next year, which is available from the Principal's office. CM Dewey also encouraged residents to sign up for the Education Advisory Committee by sending her an email.

**Public Works:** TM Broadbent reported for Director Hall, who was on vacation. Foreman Cardenas was present to answer questions. TM Broadbent reported that Public Works has prepared the site for the raingarden replanting and erected a fence at 56<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Mr. Cardenas has worked with the Public Information Aide and Administration staff on launching the 'no plastic bags in recycling' campaign. In the coming weeks, Public Works will freshen up paint in the Town office and reseed the Sports Park.

CM Dewey noted that Mr. Cardenas participated in a meeting with Sustainable Maryland about the dog waste stations that were added around the Town

last year. Mr. Cardenas said they just received a new shipment of bags for re-supplying the stations. CM Sweep said street construction season has started and asked residents to drive carefully when crews are at work.

**Public Safety:** Chief Antolik introduced police intern Irving King. Mr. King said he is a student of criminal justice at Montgomery College in Rockville and is completing an internship with BHPD as part of his degree. He will be here until May. Chief Antolik announced that James Ignowski has been nominated as officer of the year, Detective Unger as investigator of the year, Scott Krouse as community service officer of the year, and Mercy Muralles as civilian of the year. Selections will be made at the County awards ceremony in June.

Detective Unger gave the police activities report for February. There were 7 Part I offenses, which is higher than the 5-year average of 5.8. This included a burglary of the McDonald's restaurant and 5 thefts from auto, all from unlocked cars. A suspect has been identified with the help of a resident's security cameras. BHPD also made 2 arrests, wrote 191 state and municipal citations and issued 7 speed camera tickets. Detective Unger invited residents to follow BHPD on Facebook where he is often seeking assistance with solving crimes.

In response to questions, Chief Antolik and Detective Unger said that Officer Rufino is taking training to become BHPD's investigator of animal complaints, that air bag thefts have virtually stopped since a group of suspects was arrested in Montgomery County last December; and that a local radio station with a studio on 60<sup>th</sup> Avenue was targeted with a Molotov Cocktail. The fire bomb was put out before it could explode.

## 7. Committee Reports

**Education Advisory Committee:** Reported under Parks & Recreation Department.

**Green Team:** CM Dewey said that the recycling discussion the Council just had with the residents was important, but the Green Team thinks of recycling as the third priority after reducing what is thrown away and reusing what can be reused, captured in the slogan: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle.

**Historical Committee:** Reported under Appointment of Historical Committee Member.

**Neighborhood Watch/ Emergency Preparedness:** No report.

**Recreation Council:** Chair Susan Jones

announced upcoming events and said Berwyn Heights Day is starting to come together. Town organizations are invited to participate in the parade, preferably with a float or decorated bicycles. A Salvadoran Band has been signed up for entertainment. Volunteers are needed for Fun Run registrations, manning the games, the cotton candy station and many other activities. Interested residents should contact her at [violin-dreams@verizon.net](mailto:violin-dreams@verizon.net).

## 8. Unfinished Business

**Ordinance 125 Small Cell Facilities – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading & Adoption:** TM Broadbent provided documents showing the amendments to Ordinance 125 that were discussed at a previous worksession. The amendments allow the Town to hire a qualified third party to review the plans for installation of small cell facilities and inspect the work at expense of the applicant. Clerk Harper read the adopting language of the Ordinance. Mayor Isler recited the proposed amendments in Sections 3, 4, and 6 of the Ordinance. CM Sweep moved, and CM Dewey seconded to approve the amendments. The motion passed 5 to 0. CM Dewey moved, and CM Osmond seconded to adopt Ordinance 125 as amended. The motion passed 5 to 0.

## 9. New Business

**Resolution 06-2019 – Wireless Telecommunication Facilities in the Public Rights of Way Fee & Fine Schedule (added item):** Clerk Harper read the Resolution. CM Sweep asked if the fees fall within the Resolution Federal Communications Commission (FCC) guidelines. TM Broadbent replied they are FCC compliant and are a reasonable reflection of the effort expended processing the permits. Applicants would expect to pay this type of fee.

MPT Papanikolas said that a bill has been making its way through the General Assembly that would preempt municipal authority to issue permits for small cell facilities. The House bill has been referred to summer study, while the Senate bill is up for a 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading. He believes that any kind of preemption or limitation of municipal authority will not be enacted this year. CM Sweep moved and CM Dewey seconded to adopt Resolution 6-2019. The motion passed 5 to 0.

## 9. Citizen Comments

There were none.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

## Worksession Minutes March 18, 2019

### Executive Session (6:00 – 7:00 p.m.)

Personnel Matter

### Regular Session (Starting 7:00 p.m.)

Present were Mayor Stephen Isler, Mayor Pro Tempore (MPT) Jason Papanikolas, Councilmembers (CMs) Amanda Dewey, Jeffrey Jay Osmond and Ethan Sweep. Also present were Town Manager (TM) Maria Broadbent, Treasurer Michelle Rodriguez, Clerk Kerstin Harper, Chief Kenneth Antolik, Detective Daniel Unger, and Old-Line Bank representatives Michael Consalvo and Jeff Franklin.

#### 1. Announcements

The Beltway Plaza redevelopment was moved to the top of the agenda.

#### 2. Budget Discussion Items

**Bank accounts:** TM Broadbent said she met with Michael Consalvo, Regional Manager for Old Line Bank, in the fall of 2018 to become familiar with the Town's accounts at Old-Line. Some of the Town's deposits are earning interest but earnings could be improved. She invited Mr. Consalvo to explain the options for increasing earnings on the funds deposited at the Bank. Mr. Consalvo said he brought the Bank's cash management expert, Jeff Franklin to review the options with the Council.

Mr. Franklin said he works with businesses and local governments to maximize earnings and minimize fees to get them the best possible return on their deposits. Currently, the Town maintains checking accounts for liquid funds and checking accounts that are tied to repurchasing (REPO) accounts for reserve funds. This ensures that these funds are federally insured while earning some interest.

Over the last 2 years, Old Line Bank has developed a municipal banking program designed to compete with the Maryland Local Government Investment Pool (MLGIP) for deposits, offering .05% more than the average MLGIP interest rate. Old Line Bank has partnered with Promontory Interfinancial Network, a leading provider of FDIC insured deposit placement services, to offer municipalities more competitive rates of return on their investments, while maintaining 100% FDIC coverage for deposits of up to \$115 Million. Promontory has 3,000 member banks with \$26 billion in Insured Cash Suite (ICS) deposits nationwide.

Mr. Franklin continued when a municipality signs up for the Promontory ICS

account it is paid money market account interest rates. At the moment, that rate is 2.47% as opposed to 0.5% paid on REPO accounts. ICS deposits are moved electronically to other Promontory member banks in increments of up to \$250,000 so that all money is FDIC insured. Those funds can be withdrawn at any time up to 6 times a month. It is a good option for funds that don't need to be accessed every day, such as the Town's infrastructure and other reserve funds. For the approximately \$3 million in operating funds, Mr. Franklin suggested keeping a portion in the checking account and placing the remainder in an ICS account to avail itself of higher interest rates. This requires forecasting of the Town's average outlays so that withdrawals don't exceed the limit of 6 per month.

Mr. Franklin answered a number of questions from Councilmembers clarifying how the Promontory ICS accounts work and what the terms of the agreement are. He said Old Line Bank can provide references from local governments using ICS accounts. To open ICS accounts, the Bank would ask the Town to sign separate agreements for each account. Once signed, the money can be moved the following day. Interest would be returned to the associated account. A monthly service charge of \$118.00 per month would be levied for maintaining these accounts. If the Town decided it did not like the ICS accounts, it could take its money out at any time and go back to the status quo ante.

In response to Mayor Isler, Mr. Franklin said Old Line Bank would consider lowering the fee for 2 remote check deposit machines the Town uses.

It was agreed that Old Line Bank send the ICS agreements to TM Broadbent so she can review them, if needed with the help of the Town attorney, and then provide them to Council to study. If the Council consents to the terms of the agreements, it would formally approve them at a future meeting.

#### **Health insurance options for FY 2020:**

TM Broadbent said as part of the budget process, she invited staff to suggest any initiatives that appear to have merit for presentation to the Council before a proposed budget is drafted. Treasurer Rodriguez has come up with new health insurance options based on concerns expressed to her by several employees.

Treasurer Rodriguez explained employees find copayments for emergency room (ER) visits (\$150) and hospitals (\$250) too high. So, she has asked the Town's health insurance LGIT to provide alternative plans with lower copay requirements.

LGIT has provided 2 alternative plans with lower ER copayments (Medium \$50, High \$25) and hospital copayments (Medium \$100, High \$0). The medium-coverage plan would raise the overall price of the Town's insurance plan by 12% and the high-coverage plan by 13% over the 4.3% increase projected for continuing under the current plan.

In discussion the following points were made: a high-coverage plan would cost \$10,000 more than the current plan but only \$1,000 more than a medium-coverage plan; urgent care facilities are a less expensive alternative to the ER; LGIT reimburses municipalities for a low claims rate, which is used to fund employee wellness programs; short-term disability insurance is available as an option but is not paid for by the Town; the Town pays 100% of insurance premiums for single employees and 85% for family members; the ratios could be adjusted to cover for a plan with higher coverage.

Treasurer Rodriguez was asked to find out more about the high-coverage health insurance plan, plans for part-time employees, and dental care plans, plus how much employees currently pay for dental visits out of pocket. The Council plans to revisit the subject at the April 1 worksession.

Phil Ventura, 57<sup>th</sup> Avenue suggested employees could be asked to pay a share of premiums when offered a health insurance plan with better coverage.

**Merit increases:** TM Broadbent said this item is a continuation of the discussion from the March 4 worksession on merit increases. She has included a 2% Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) in the department's salary line items of the draft budget but she would like some guidance on whether to include additional merit increases. Treasurer Rodriguez added the proposed budget includes a 2% merit increase for each employee. The Council may decide whether and how to divide it among employees based on their performance rating. Last year, the COLA and merit increase was combined and added to the departmental salary line items. All employees received a 1.5% COLA; employees in with the highest performance bracket received 4% merit increases, those in the middle bracket received 2%, and those in the lowest bracket received none.

In discussion, the Council expressed general support for continuing to pay merit but did not decide on a specific rate. It was noted that merit increases

are only one aspect of the whole benefits package. The compensation package tends to determine whether staff will stay with the Town or look for a better job. The FY 2020 package proposes to include more vacation leave for carry-over and possibly a better health insurance plan.

The Council also discussed how to pay for additional benefits. TM Broadbent said a tax increase might be considered if the Council wants to stop using the General Fund balance for next year's operating expenditures. It should be kept in mind that some of the Town's revenue streams are restricted to particular use and set aside in reserve funds. However, there does not appear to be a formal policy document regarding the composition and use of reserves. Clerk Harper was asked to find out if a policy for a rainy-day fund exists.

**MML Banner City certification:** CM Dewey said that Berwyn Heights became an MML Banner City in 2017 and needs to fulfill certain requirements to keep up its certification. These include attending MML conferences and training, attending 50% of MML chapter (PGCMA) meetings; holding a municipal government works month event; and visiting a local school to educate students about municipal govern-

ment. She would like to know if the Council is interested in being a Banner City and if so, to come up with a plan to meet the requirements. The Council agreed to send a Councilmember to each of the remaining PGCMA meetings to fulfill the requirements, and Mayor Isler will get a signature for educating students about municipal government.

The Council also determined that Mayor Isler, CM Dewey and CM Osmond will attend the PGCMA breakfast during the MML convention.

**Public Safety Taxing District budget (added item):** TM Broadbent provided a draft of the Public Safety Taxing District budget, which is also approved at the May Town meeting. The Taxing District levies a special tax on businesses to fund one police officer. This year, this budget initiates a vehicle replacement fund for the car driven by the PSTD officer. The PSTD budget is submitted to representatives of the Commercial District Management Authority (CDMA) at a meeting prior to adoption, who will vote on the proposed PSTD budget. The prospective date is April 15.

**4. Minutes**

On a motion by CM Dewey, seconded by CM Sweep, the February 19 worksession

minutes were approved 5 to 0.

**5. Department Reports**

CM Dewey thanked the Recreation Council for a fun potluck event and reported that the last Town cleanup had many students participate. In April, the Shade Tree Board is sponsoring a 'Trees of Distinction' contest, asking residents to nominate trees that stand out, either because of size and age, beauty, unusual form or historical significance. Submissions will be displayed on a poster on Berwyn Heights Day and those who made nominations will be invited to plant the symbolic Arbor Day tree. CM Dewey also announced an upcoming raingarden workshop on March 30, Team Trivia Night on April 5 and the start-up of the Education Advisory Committee. She encouraged anyone interested school issues to contact her to join the Committee.

**6. Town Council Schedule**

The Council reviewed the upcoming Town Council calendar. No changes were made.

**7. Citizens Discussion**

Phil Ventura, 57<sup>th</sup> Avenue, commented

The meeting was adjourned at 10:36 p.m.

Signed: *Kerstin Harper*, Town Clerk



# Historical Committee

**TEAM TRIVIA NIGHT WAS A HIT**

Between 60-70 people on 10 teams participated in the April 4 Prince George's trivia competition. It all came down to wagering on the last question: the Dream Team jumped to 1<sup>st</sup> place; the BHHC Team squeaked into 2<sup>nd</sup>; and Bert's Buddies, who had led the contest to that point, came in 3<sup>rd</sup>. The 'Whippersnappers' earned 'honorable mention' for the most original answers. All had so much fun they would do it again.

We thank Jodie Kulpa-Eddy for organizing the Event, ? For moderating, and Sharmila Bhatia and Jim McGinnis for helping come up with great questions.



STOP BY OUR TENT ON  
**BERWYN HEIGHTS DAY**

View our exhibits and artifacts. This year we are celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Berwyn Heights Company, a real estate company founded by a group of citizens of the Town. The Company owned the better part of available land in Berwyn Heights and built some of the kit homes scattered around the Town.

**NEXT MEETING**  
**MAY 22 | 7:30 PM | G. LOVE RM.**

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## Fiscal Year 2020 Proposed General Fund Budget

### Dear Mayor, Town Council, Residents and Business Owners,

The proposed FY 2020 operating and capital budget is \$3,370,544. This is a \$1,167,887 or 25.73% reduction over last year's \$4,538,431 budget. It should be noted that the FY19 budget included \$1,238,365 budgeted for road repairs.

The proposed FY 2020 budget increases the residential real property tax rates and by one and a half cents, from \$0.53 to \$0.545 per \$100 which includes \$0.03 of the total of assessed valuation for the Infrastructure Improvement Reserve to fund major infrastructure projects. This increase reduces the Town's reliance on funds remaining from the previous year to balance the budget, while maintaining a solid rainy-day fund in case of emergencies. Highlights of the budget include:

### Infrastructure Maintenance

**Street repaving:** A roadway condition survey identified four streets to be repaved in FY 2020. This work will include curb, gutter and sidewalk work if necessary. A concrete bus pad will also be constructed. Funds from Highway User Revenue, and the Real Estate Tax Roadway Fund in the amount of \$224,800 will be used for this project.

**Public Works Building:** The Public Works Department building needs some repairs to increase its service life. Funding in the amount of \$5,000 has been included to fund the replacement of the soffit, gutters and possibly some facia.

**Urban forestry:** To continue with proactive pruning, hazard tree removals and to fund the planting of new trees to maintain the Town's tree canopy coverage, the Urban Forestry account has been increased by \$10,000.

**Landscaping:** The grounds at the Town Hall and Town Center Facility need continuing maintenance to maintain the rain garden and to keep them looking presentable. Funding in the amount of \$2,000 has been added to support the maintenance of the rain garden and refurbish the plantings on the property.

**Town Hall:** Funding in the amount of \$8,000 has been added to replace the badly stained carpeting in Town Hall.

**Town Hall document preservation:** Town Hall is suffering from a lack of storage space for important maps and other documents. Funding in the amount of \$2,000 was included in the budget to begin to scan documents for electronic storage.

**Welcome signage:** The Quality of Life Committee recommended the installation of welcome signs at entrances to the town. The budget includes \$2,000 to be used toward the planning and design for the project.

### Administration

**Staff reorganization:** Two positions within the Administration Department will be reorganized during FY 2020, at a cost of \$8,882. The Treasurer/Human Resources Manager will become the Treasurer/Benefits Manager. This will allow this employee to focus more attention on financial controls and to develop an asset management program, both to meet the requirements of the Government Accounting Standards Board. This position will no longer handle human resource administrative functions.

The Administrative Coordinator position will be elevated from paygrade G to an Assistant to the Town Manager position at paygrade J. This change will move the responsibility for billing for personal property tax to the Code Enforcement Department where it is similar to the administration of the business licenses. This change will allow this long-term employee a chance to advance in her responsibilities to assist with the administrative functions of the human resources program, and to focus on policy analysis and project tracking.

**Computer support:** The cost of our computer servicing provided by Peake is going up from \$18,000 to \$24,000. This figure was provided too late to be included in the draft budget but will be included in the Proposed Budget.

## Public Safety

**New officer hire:** This budget includes the hiring of an additional police officer, increasing the sworn officers in the department from 8 to 9. It is proposed to hire an experienced certified police officer mid-year, allowing the department to better cover the safety needs of the community and the department. A total cost of \$81,050 has been included in the budget to cover the salary for an employee to begin in January, uniforms and a vehicle for the new officer.

**Promotions:** Three police promotions are included in this budget; one Sergeant will be promoted to Lieutenant and two Private First Class officers will be promoted to Corporal. The total cost of the promotions is \$11,500.

**Police vehicle replacement:** The cost of a replacement cruiser at \$44,200 has been included in this budget. This will be funded using funds carried over from previous years, fund balance. As there is no vehicle replacement fund for the Police Department, vehicles are replaced through the general fund. This cost includes all the necessary equipment to outfit the vehicle for use. This is the first police vehicle to be purchased through the Town's general fund budget since 2015. An older police vehicle will be retired from the fleet with this purchase.

## Code Enforcement

**Code Enforcement Director:** The proposed budget includes the \$12,000 cost of staffing at the leadership level of the department from a Code Enforcement Manager to the hiring of a Code Enforcement Department Director.

**In-house building permit issuance study:** Although the cost for participation was not available at this writing, the Town has set aside \$3,000 to participate in a study being conducted by the City of College Park and others to move the permitting process from Prince George's County to the local jurisdictions.

## Public Works

**Tippling fees:** This line item covers the cost of solid waste disposal. It is being increased by \$6,000 as this line item has been underfunded for several years.

**Vehicle maintenance:** This line item covers the cost of maintenance for the Public Works fleet. It is being increased by \$15,000 to more realistically cover the cost of maintaining the fleet.

**Vehicle replacement:** Two public works vehicles will be replaced in FY 2020; truck #14, a 2012 Freightliner refuse/recycling vehicle and truck #2, a 2012 Ford F-350 crew cab pick-up truck. To sustain of the vehicle replacement fund, a scheduled amount of \$106,215 will be added to the fund in FY 2020.

## Non-Departmental

### **Employee Retention and Recruitment:**

Cost of living adjustment and merit increases: A 4% combined cost of living adjustment and merit increases depending on the annual performance evaluation score, are proposed.

**Attrition reserve:** Due to staff responsibilities and in some cases seniority, it is sometimes difficult for staff to use all their vacation leave time in the year it is earned. In order to restore vacation leave to allow for balances to accrue to 120 hours, a reserve fund is being established with \$6,000 to cover the cost of payouts of vacation through attrition.

## Public Hearings

Residents are encouraged to participate in the budget process at the public hearings held during the Town Meetings on April 10th and May 8th at 7:00 p.m. and watch the video live stream from [BerwynHeightsMD.gov](http://BerwynHeightsMD.gov).

Respectfully,  
Maria T. Broadbent  
Town Manager

**FY 2020 Proposed Budget  
GENERAL FUND**

ACCOUNT NAME	FY 2016 Actual	FY 2017 Actual	FY 2018 Actual	FY 2019 Adopted	FY 2020 Proposed	% Change from FY19 to FY20	\$ Change from FY19 to FY20
<b>REVENUES</b>							
TOTAL: TAXES AND FEES	\$1,963,867	\$2,181,306	\$2,422,811	\$2,454,419	\$2,618,823	6.70%	\$164,404
TOTAL: LICENSSES & PERMITS	\$143,823	\$141,193	\$149,802	\$147,400	\$138,400	-6.11%	-\$9,000
TOTAL: INTERGOVERNMENTAL	\$51,155	\$322,047	\$166,536	\$172,604	\$193,271	11.97%	\$20,667
TOTAL: SERVICE CHARGES	\$217	\$1,051	\$1,458	\$2,700	\$2,000	-25.93%	-\$700
TOTAL: FINES & FORFEITURES	\$65,305	\$65,145	\$120,382	\$93,000	\$80,000	-13.98%	-\$13,000
TOTAL: MISCELLANEOUS	\$151,670	\$294,596	\$258,146	\$298,850	\$212,800	-28.79%	-\$86,050
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$2,376,037</b>	<b>\$3,005,338</b>	<b>\$3,119,135</b>	<b>\$3,168,973</b>	<b>\$3,245,294</b>	<b>2.41%</b>	<b>\$76,321</b>
<b>FUND BALANCE</b>							
Fund Balance - Operating Budget				\$125,968		-100.00%	-\$125,968
Fund Balance - New Police Officer					\$81,050		\$81,050
Fund Balance - New Police Car				\$66,000	\$44,200	-33.03%	-\$21,800
<b>TOTAL: FUND BALANCE &amp; RESERVES</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$39,315</b>	<b>\$1,369,458</b>	<b>\$125,250</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$2,376,037</b>	<b>\$3,005,338</b>	<b>\$3,158,450</b>	<b>\$4,538,431</b>	<b>\$3,370,544</b>	<b>-25.73%</b>	<b>-\$1,167,887</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>							
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>							
TOTAL: MAYOR and COUNCIL	\$24,430	\$25,272	\$26,902	\$29,000	\$29,500	1.72%	\$500
TOTAL: ADMINISTRATION	\$359,372	\$344,387	\$341,855	\$377,909	\$420,874	11.37%	\$42,965
TOTAL: MUNICIPAL BUILDING	\$20,533	\$12,482	\$14,228	\$15,100	\$25,000	65.56%	\$9,900
TOTAL: TOWN CENTER	\$31,718	\$25,007	\$32,172	\$24,200	\$28,630	18.31%	\$4,430
<b>TOTAL: GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>	<b>\$436,053</b>	<b>\$407,148</b>	<b>\$415,157</b>	<b>\$446,209</b>	<b>\$504,004</b>	<b>12.95%</b>	<b>\$57,795</b>
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>							
TOTAL: POLICE DEPARTMENT	\$611,219	\$641,597	\$624,124	\$741,700	\$843,800	13.77%	\$102,100
TOTAL: PUBLIC SAFETY MISC.	\$492	\$13,000	\$1,434	\$13,900	\$13,900	0.00%	\$0
TOTAL: ADDTL POLICE OFFICER COST	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$81,050		\$81,050
<b>TOTAL: PUBLIC SAFETY</b>	<b>\$611,219</b>	<b>\$641,597</b>	<b>\$625,558</b>	<b>\$755,600</b>	<b>\$938,750</b>	<b>24.24%</b>	<b>\$183,150</b>
<b>CODE COMPLIANCE</b>							
TOTAL: CODE ENFORCEMENT	\$95,928	\$108,180	\$108,881	\$141,770	\$154,320	8.13%	\$12,550
TOTAL: VAN PROGRAM	\$1,696	\$911	\$1,902	\$4,000	\$2,000	-100.00%	-\$2,000
<b>TOTAL: CODE COMPLIANCE</b>	<b>\$97,624</b>	<b>\$109,091</b>	<b>\$110,783</b>	<b>\$145,770</b>	<b>\$156,320</b>	<b>7.24%</b>	<b>\$10,550</b>
<b>PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT</b>							
TOTAL: PUBLIC WORKS BLDG	\$27,521	\$19,067	\$22,261	\$26,600	\$31,100	16.92%	\$4,500
TOTAL: STREET & SANITATION	\$546,548	\$590,516	\$643,304	\$703,800	\$746,870	6.12%	\$43,070
TOTAL: STREET LIGHTING	\$34,829	\$42,925	\$34,231	\$39,200	\$39,200	0.00%	\$0
<b>TOTAL: PUBLIC WORKS</b>	<b>\$608,898</b>	<b>\$652,508</b>	<b>\$699,796</b>	<b>\$769,600</b>	<b>\$817,170</b>	<b>6.18%</b>	<b>\$47,570</b>
<b>TOTAL: PARKS &amp; RECREATION</b>	<b>\$14,344</b>	<b>\$19,337</b>	<b>\$27,001</b>	<b>\$37,900</b>	<b>\$34,450</b>	<b>-9.10%</b>	<b>-\$3,450</b>
<b>TOTAL: CABLE</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$10,967</b>	<b>\$24,204</b>	<b>\$30,400</b>	<b>\$30,400</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>TOTAL: MISCELLANEOUS</b>	<b>\$422,379</b>	<b>\$400,972</b>	<b>\$425,404</b>	<b>\$476,650</b>	<b>\$511,235</b>	<b>7.26%</b>	<b>\$34,585</b>
<b>CAPITAL PROJECTS: OPERATING</b>							
Allocated for Vehicle Equipment Replacement Reserve Fund	(\$58,600)	\$93,400		\$80,144	\$106,215	32.53%	\$26,071
Public Works Equipment					\$3,000		\$3,000
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL PROJECTS: OPERATING</b>	<b>(\$58,600)</b>	<b>\$93,400</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$80,144</b>	<b>\$109,215</b>	<b>36.27%</b>	<b>\$29,071</b>
<b>TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET</b>	<b>\$2,166,798</b>	<b>\$2,369,689</b>	<b>\$2,327,903</b>	<b>\$3,131,066</b>	<b>\$3,101,544</b>	<b>-0.94%</b>	<b>-\$29,522</b>
<b>CAPITAL PROJECTS: FUND BALANCE &amp; RESERVE</b>							
Infrastructure Improvements: Road Repairs			\$17,045	\$1,238,365	\$224,800	-81.85%	-\$1,013,565
Police Vehicles and Equipment		\$17,226	\$39,315	\$1,000	\$44,200	4320.00%	\$43,200
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL PROJECTS: FUND BALANCE &amp; RESERVE</b>	<b>\$688,827</b>	<b>\$48,506</b>	<b>\$104,595</b>	<b>\$1,437,365</b>	<b>\$269,000</b>	<b>-81.29%</b>	<b>-\$1,168,365</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES OPERATING BUDGET &amp; CAPITAL PROJECTS</b>	<b>\$2,855,625</b>	<b>\$2,418,195</b>	<b>\$2,432,498</b>	<b>\$4,568,431</b>	<b>\$3,370,544</b>	<b>-26.22%</b>	<b>-\$1,197,887</b>
<b>REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES = Net Total</b>	<b>(\$479,588)</b>	<b>\$587,143</b>	<b>\$725,952</b>	<b>(\$30,000)</b>	<b>\$0</b>		

## Fiscal Year 2020 Proposed Public Safety Taxing District Budget

**Dear Mayor, Town Council, Residents, and Business Owners:**

The Public Safety Taxing District (PSTD), created under the authority granted by the State of Maryland to enhance public safety, encompasses the commercial and industrial properties along Greenbelt Road, Branchville Road, Ballew Avenue, Berwyn Road, and 55<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

The PSTD provides the Berwyn Heights Police Department with resources to finance capital and operating costs for a police officer to strengthen public safety in the commercial district. This additional officer augments existing policing and community outreach efforts within the PSTD.

The FY 2019 PSTD proposed budget recommends maintaining the current tax rates in the Public Safety Taxing District of \$0.12 per \$100 of assessed value on real property and \$0.15 per \$100 of assessed value on business personal property.

The Town of Berwyn Heights benefits from one of the lowest crime rates in Prince George's County through enhanced visibility for crime prevention and deterrence. Continued PSTD funding helps to facilitate the safest possible environment for Berwyn Heights' residents, businesses, and visitors. A meeting with members of the Commercial District Management Authority to present the budget is scheduled for April 17 at 9 a.m. at Town Hall. The presentation will also include an active shooter training for business owners.

Respectfully,  
 Maria T. Broadbent  
 Town Manager

### FY 2020 Proposed Budget - PSTD

ACCOUNT NAME	FY 2016 Actual	FY 2017 Actual	FY 2018 Actual	FY 2019 Adopted	FY 2020 Proposed	% Change from FY19 to FY20	\$ Change from FY19 to FY20
<b>REVENUES</b>							
<b>TAXES AND FEES</b>							
<b>TOTAL: TAXES AND FEES</b>	\$63,729	\$91,814	\$90,435	\$85,000	\$85,875	1.03%	\$875
<b>TOTAL : FUND BALANCE</b>	\$0	\$35,443	\$6,710	\$0	\$0		\$0
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$63,729</b>	<b>\$91,814</b>	<b>\$90,435</b>	<b>\$85,000</b>	<b>\$85,875</b>	<b>1.03%</b>	<b>\$875</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>							
<b>POLICE SERVICES</b>							
<b>Subtotal: POLICE SERVICES EXPENSES</b>	\$62,523	\$68,900	\$78,600	\$79,200	\$71,375	-9.88%	-\$7,825
<b>Subtotal: EMPLOYEE BENEFITS</b>	\$5,225	\$5,220	\$6,160	\$5,800	\$7,500	29.31%	\$1,700
<b>TOTAL: POLICE SERVICES</b>	<b>\$67,747</b>	<b>\$74,120</b>	<b>\$84,760</b>	<b>\$85,000</b>	<b>\$78,875</b>	<b>0.24%</b>	<b>\$200</b>
<b>TOTAL: OPERATING BUDGET</b>	<b>\$67,747</b>	<b>\$74,120</b>	<b>\$84,760</b>	<b>\$85,000</b>	<b>\$78,875</b>	<b>-7.21%</b>	<b>-\$6,125</b>
<b>TOTAL: CAPITAL PROJECTS</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$7,000</b>		<b>\$7,000</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$67,747</b>	<b>\$74,120</b>	<b>\$84,760</b>	<b>\$85,000</b>	<b>\$85,875</b>	<b>1.03%</b>	<b>\$875</b>
<i>Staff Summary</i>	<i>1 F/T</i>	<i>1 F/T</i>	<i>1 F/T</i>	<i>1 F/T</i>	<i>1 F/T</i>		
<b>REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES = Net Total</b>	<b>-\$4,018</b>	<b>\$17,694</b>	<b>\$5,675</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>		<b>\$0</b>

**TOWN OF BERWYN HEIGHTS  
NOTICE OF A PROPOSED NON COMMERCIAL  
REAL PROPERTY TAX INCREASE**

The Town Council of the Town of Berwyn Heights proposes to increase noncommercial real property taxes.

1. For the tax year beginning July 1, 2019, the estimated real property assessable base will increase by 6.47%, from \$277,435,491 to \$295,372,828.
2. If the Town of Berwyn Heights maintains the current tax rate of \$0.53 per \$100 of assessment, real property tax revenues will increase by 6.47% resulting in \$95,068 of new real property tax revenues.
3. In order to fully offset the effect of increasing assessments, the real property tax rate should be reduced to \$0.4978, the constant yield tax rate.
4. The Town of Berwyn Heights is considering not reducing its real property tax rate enough to fully offset increasing assessments. The Town proposes to adopt a real property tax rate of \$0.545 per \$100 of assessment. This tax rate is 9.5% higher than the constant yield tax rate and will generate \$139,416 in additional property tax revenues.

A public hearing on the proposed real property tax rate increase will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 8 at the Town Hall located at 5700 Berwyn Rd. Berwyn Heights, Maryland 20740

The hearing is open to the public, and public testimony is encouraged.

Persons with questions regarding this hearing may call 301-474-5000 for further information.



**The Education  
Advisory Committee  
Wants You!**

The BHEAC is in the process of forming and is seeking more interested residents to join. This Town Committee is dedicated to supporting and strengthening our local schools through publicizing school news, cultivating links with PGCPs, and liaising with neighboring EACs.

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For information, call Leslie Montroll at 301-277-9630 or Janet Freitag at 301-906-8535 or email

[CPNeedleArts@earthlink.net](mailto:CPNeedleArts@earthlink.net)

# Berwyn Heights Elementary School

## PTA

May 2019



### Berwyn Heights Day Parade

Saturday, May 4

BHES students and families are welcome to participate in the parade with the PTA. Meet at the school parking lot at 10:30 am to decorate bikes, scooters, and strollers. Parade lineup is at 11:30. Parade begins at 12:00.

### Chipotle Fundraiser

Tuesday, May 21, 5-9 pm

5506 Cherrywood Lane, Greenbelt



Bring your family and friends for a delicious meal at Chipotle. Mention the fundraiser and the PTA will receive 33% of what you spend.

### Scholastic Book Fair

May 20-24, 9-4 + Thursday, May 23, from 5:30 to 8:30 pm

BHES Media Center



The community is invited to support the school by buying books! You can also purchase books from [www.scholastic.com/bf/bhesreads](http://www.scholastic.com/bf/bhesreads) from May 11 to May 24.

### Talent Show

BHES Cafeteria

Dress rehearsal on Thursday, May 23.

Performance on Thursday, May 30, 7:00 pm.



Everyone is invited to come watch the show and support the talented performers! We have a great variety of acts. Concessions will be available for purchase.

### Upcoming Events

**May 4, Saturday**  
Berwyn Heights Day Parade

**May 7, Tuesday**  
PTA Meeting

**May 6-10**  
Teacher Appreciation Week

**May 10, Friday**  
Career Day

**May 13, Monday**  
Spring Instrumental Concert

**May 20-24**  
Book Fair

**May 21, Tuesday**  
Fundraiser @ Chipotle

**May 23, Thursday**  
Dress Rehearsal for Talent Show

**May 27, Monday**  
Memorial Day, no school

**May 30, Thursday**  
Talent Show

**June 14, Friday**  
Last day of school

Find us on Facebook: Berwyn Heights ES PTA

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# Berwyn Heights Boys & Girls Club



## Bugle—May 2019

Show your Wolf Pack Pride and Support the BHBGC Sat. 5/4 at Berwyn Heights Day! We'll be selling snacks, candy & drinks as well as our Famous Fried Goodies, courtesy of

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# Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad, Co. 14



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## ***New Heavy Rescue Squad Ordered!***



### **Recent Working Incidents**

April 9th: Truck 14 was alerted on the Working Fire Dispatch to assist units on scene in the 1200Blk of Chillum Rd in Adelphi for a working house fire.

April 9th: Squad 14 was alerted to the OL of I-495 at Baltimore Ave for an accident. Units arrived to find a driver trapped in a contractor pick-up truck after an accident. The crew of Squad 14 worked to stabilize the vehicle and extricate the trapped driver.

April 3rd: Squad 14 responded to the 6500Blk of Manton Way in Lanham for a house fire. Units arrived to find smoke showing from a two story house with a working basement fire. The crew of Squad 14 conducted searches of the structure for trapped victims.

March 31st: Squad 14 was alerted to the 8500Blk of Greenbelt Rd in Lanham for an accident with entrapment. Crew of Squad 14 worked to stabilize the vehicle and remove a door to extricate the driver.

March 30th: Truck 14 was alerted to the 12500Blk of Kavanaugh Ln in Bowie, units arrived to find heavy fire from the roof of a house.

March 29th: Squad 14 extricated a trapped driver off into the woods from an accident SB Bal Wash Pkwy at Riverdale Rd.

<b>BHVFD Call Volume: March 2019</b>	
Rescue Squads:	151
Ladder Truck:	72
Technical Rescue Support Unit:	6
Ambulance:	222
<b>Total Runs March 2019</b>	<b>451</b>

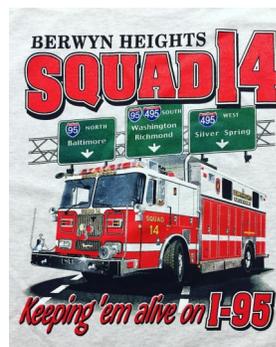
**Squad Order:** The Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad is proud to announce the signing of a contract for a 2019 E-One Cyclone II Stainless Steele Heavy Rescue Squad. This purchase was made through the regional partner Patriot Fire LLC of Grasonville, Maryland.

This purchase was made possible by the generous contributions and support from Town residents, Town of Berwyn Heights, City of College Park, City of Greenbelt, and the State of Maryland.

Delivery of this new Rescue Squad is anticipated for summer of 2020. This will allow the Department to place its current 2004 Seagrave Rescue Squad into a reserve capacity, and retire our 1990 Pemfab Rescue Squad which currently serves as our reserve unit.

### **BHVFD Online Store**

**You can now purchase BHVFD apparel online! We have T-Shirts, hats, patches, and more! All proceeds benefit BHVFD operation.**



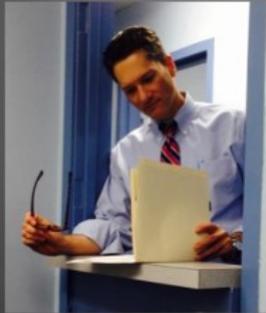
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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

May 4	Marie LaRue
May 5	Lisa Powell
May 6	Rosa Cimemanis
May 9	Joe Hudak
	Howard Johnson
May 15	Leon Swain
May 20	Deb Hutchinson
May 22	Bonnie Beck-O'Brien
May 23	Herman Seager
May 31	Judy Popadick

## MAY ACTIVITIES

**BINGO** — Every Tuesday at 12:30 PM

**WII BOWLING** — Every Wednesday at 10:30 AM

**GAME NIGHT** — Every Thursday at 7:00 PM

**SELF DEFENSE COURSE** — Every Thursday at 12:00 Noon, upstairs in the Senior Center

**POTLUCK & MOVIE** — 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday at 5:00 PM

**MEETINGS** — 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays at 11:00 AM  
The 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday is a Pot Luck!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### MAY 31

Dine at the Osaka Grill, followed by a trip to the Bowie Play House to see the musical, "Gypsy."

### BREAKFAST AT THE SILVER DINER

Date to be determined. Call the Senior Center for times and more Information.

**WATCH NATS BASEBALL** at 1:00 P.M. on Sundays, dates to be determined.



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## MARCH INCIDENTS

### Saturday March 2, 2019 at 10:09 pm, 'DOMESTIC & WARRANT SERVICE'

Cpl. P. Roberson responded to the 8600 block of 60th., Avenue for a domestic call. Complainant stated that he has a dispute with his son. On scene, Cpl. Roberson verified that there is a stay-away order placed against him and that he has an outstanding warrant. Subject was taken into custody and transported to DOC. *Arrested: THOMAS, Luis, 33 Y/O, B/M of Berwyn Heights, MD.*

### Monday March 4, 2019, 'WORK SESSION'

Chief of Police and Det-Sergeant Unger attended the work session answering questions from the Mayor and Council in regards to FY2020 budget enhancement.

### Monday March 11, 2019 at 1:00 pm, 'ASSISTED GREENBELT CITY PD'

Pfc. T. Hollowell assisted GBCPD with a person who had a gun in a vehicle.

### Tuesday March 12, 2019 at 10:20 pm, 'ARSON'

Cpl. J. Ignowski responded to 8911 60th Ave, for a signal 44 incendiary device placed at the rear door of Hustle Firm Entertainment, the studio of a popular hip hop DC Radio Show. On scene, Ignowski observed a Patron Bottle with a burnt wick placed under a window that leads to the studio. The bottle was filled with gasoline and had been lit, however a guest of the radio show had seen it burning and extinguished the flames. Prince George's County arson investigators arrived quickly and assumed investigative responsibilities. Perpetrators are currently unknown, but surveillance camera footage indicate the studio was targeted.

### Wednesday March 13, 2019 at 11:00 am, 'FRAUD'

Victim came to the Berwyn Heights Police Station for a fraud/theft complaint. Officer Rufino and Sgt. Unger interviewed the victim who reported that he wrote 2 checks in March payable to Pepco and Washington Gas. Both checks totaling \$1,452 were cleared from his account but to unknown subjects. Victim was provided with case number and contact information.

### Thursday March 14, 2019 at 12:00 pm, 'AUTO FIRE'

Cpl. S. Krouse responded to an auto fire in the area of Kenilworth Avenue at Westchester Drive.

### Thursday March 14, 2019 at 1:30 pm,

### 'HOMICIDE'

Berwyn Heights Police Department received a call of a body found in the woods close to the Indian Creek Hiker-Biker Trail. The reporting person and Berwyn Heights Police officers responded to the location and located the body on Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning property near 7600 Sweetbriar Drive, College Park, MD. Sgt. Unger pronounced victim deceased at 2:18 pm. Berwyn Heights Police notified Maryland-National Capital Park Police, Prince George's County Police to respond to the scene. Prince George's County, Homicide, Evidence and the Maryland Chief Medical Examiner's Office assumed investigative responsibility. The body of the deceased was transported to the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner in Baltimore for an autopsy (OCME #19-03273). Decedent: 22 Y/O, H/M.

### Friday March 15, 2019 at 4:25 am, 'THEFT FROM AUTO'

Officers responded to the 6300 block of Pontiac Street for a report of theft from a Smart Car. Victim advised that an unknown suspect had broken into his vehicle. The victim reports he heard loud noises, went outside to investigate and discovered the suspect inside his vehicle. Upon seeing the victim, suspect fled the scene in the direction of Edmonston Road, making good on his escape. The victim stated he leaves his vehicle unlocked. The vehicle registration was the only item found missing and the vehicle's turn signal switch was damaged.

### Friday March 15, 2019 at 8:02 am, 'THEFT FROM AUTO'

Pfc. T. Hollowell responded to the 6300 block of Pontiac Street for a report of theft from vehicle. The victim advises that \$200.00 in cash was taken from his vehicle.

### Monday March 18, 2019 at 5:30 pm, 'THEFT'

Cpl. P. Roberson responded to the 8500 block of Cunningham Drive for a report of a bicycle stolen from the side yard of his home. Victim states that his wife heard the trash cans being knocked over at 4:30 am, but thought it were racoons foraging. Later in the day, the victim discovered his mountain bike was missing. The bicycle had been placed next to the trash cans and was not locked.

### Tuesday March 20, 2019 at 8:07 am, 'DEATH INVESTIGATION'

Pfc. Rufino along with Cpl. Krouse, Sgt. Unger and Chief Antolik were dispatched to the 5900 block of Natasha Drive for a non-responsive person. Victim's husband states that decedent had been sick and had just been released from the Hospital Saturday 3/16/2019. Discharge papers

revealed multiple health conditions. The decedent was transported by Donaldson Funeral Home in Laurel MD.

### Thursday March 21, 2019 'ANIMAL CRUELTY TRAINING'

Pfc. C. Rufino attended training in investigating animal cruelty and animal fighting.

### Friday March 23, 2019 at 10:13 am, '2<sup>ND</sup> DEGREE ASSAULT'

A person came to Berwyn Heights Police Department to report an assault against her infant child that occurred on 3/22/2019 at 5901 Greenbelt Road, US FUEL gas station. The reporting person said she was standing in line inside the gas station holding her baby, when a suspect approached and put his hands around the infant. The reporting person felt the suspect was trying to take the infant. She asked the suspect if she knew him, but the suspect did not reply. The reporting person gave a description of the suspect and the vehicle she believes to be associated with the suspect. The reporting person could not provide a tag number but recalled a tan minivan with a black bumper, occupied by a heavyset black female. The reporting person could not specify any specific intent but thought the act was strange. Follow up investigation to identify the suspect will be handled by BHPD CID.

### Friday March 29, 2019 at 10:00 am, 'FRAUD'

A victim visited the Berwyn Heights Police Department to report a theft. Victim played a recorded message in a female voice from a cellular telephone. The message notified the victim that the SSA (or FFA) was filing a suit against him, a local sheriff was going to contact him, and he should call 410-777-5852 to receive instructions. The victim reported that he called the 410 number and a male (voice) provided information including instructions to purchase gift cards in the total amount of \$3,500. The victim did so and called the 410 number again to provide the information from the gift cards. The \$3,500.00 was then promptly stolen by the perpetrators of the fraud scheme using the 410-777-5852 number.

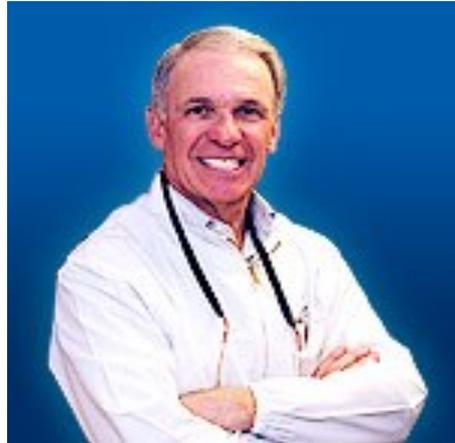
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**Moving?** All The Way Moving. LLC licensed and insured company giving FREE wardrobe boxes along with low prices. NStudio or small 1 bedroom \$195-\$260. NLarge 1 bedroom or 2 bedroom \$260-\$375. N3 bedroom or a house \$763-\$1090. Prices shown are general. Please contact us for a free quote today. Call 202-820-0771.

**For Sale:** Men's backpack, Kelty size 3, small/medium, excellent condition, \$30. Rollerblades, Women's size 8, good condition, \$10. Knee, elbow and wrist

pads, \$5. Call 949-431-1128

**Lawn Mowing and Trimming,** yard raking and cleanup, basement cleanout, painting, plumbing, general handyman. Reasonable rates and flexible schedule. Call Phil at 202-718-8530. Berwyn Heights references available.

**Meals-on-Wheels** needs your HELP! This 35-year old program needs volunteers to help with their daily operations out of College Park location. Please call 301-474-1002 M-F, 8:30-12:00 if available.

**Need Yard Help?** Shawn and Jeremy have helped Berwyn Heights residents with mowing, raking, mulching, and more for several years. Call 301-474-2002.

**Get Out More!** Let me help you free up your time by helping you in different ways. If you have children, I babysit age 3 and up. Do your kids need help in school? I tutor in different subjects. Don't have time to exercise your lovable pet? I enjoy dog walking/sitting. Please call Greta at 301-982-7115. References upon request.

**Help is Here.** Do you need help grocery shopping, bill paying, pick up prescriptions, post office run, general household management, shopping and more...look no further...for \$20 per hour have your own personal concierge. Reliable, Dependable, Fast, and more importantly, TRUSTWORTHY. Call Jackie at 202-669-6297. I'll be there tomorrow.

**Loving, Licensed Child Care:** (CDA) credentialed in BH. M-F 6:30 AM to 5:30 PM. Ura Daley, 301-313-9131.

**Lawn Mowing** I am a teenager in Berwyn Heights. I am interested in helping you with your lawn. Reasonable prices. Call Gannon at 301-982-7115.

**Infant or Senior Care:** Nurse/midwife, recent US refugee, legal with work permit, looking for infant care or senior care. Full or part time. IRC internationally certified. Worked in Burundi and Tanzania. Special gift with babies, children with disabilities, and disabled adults. Intermediate English, fluent French. Does not drive. Contact: [joselynekanyudo@gmail.com](mailto:joselynekanyudo@gmail.com)

**House Cleaning:** Help with shopping, cooking, etc. 40-year resident of Berwyn Heights. Very reliable and reasonable rates. Please call DJ at 301-345-1746.

**Multi-Family Yard Sale:** Saturday, May 11, 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. 8602 57th Avenue, Berwyn Heights Md. Household items, furniture, garage items, tools, antique sofa, antiques (cabinet, table, chairs), ceiling fans, brass chandelier, and so much more.



## Angela's House Cleaning Service

Cleaning your home like my own. Residential & commercial. References available in Berwyn Heights. Over 10 years professional experience. Providing my own materials at reasonable price.

Call (240) 645-5140 or email [angelalazo1@hotmail.com](mailto:angelalazo1@hotmail.com)

## Berwyn Heights Playgroup

For Preschoolers and Younger

**Mondays 10:30 am - 12:00 pm**

**In Town Center if Cold or Rainy**

### Playground Rotation:

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of month - Indian Creek Playground

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of month - Pop's Park

Please contact Rachel Cicero ([rachelcicero55@gmail.com](mailto:rachelcicero55@gmail.com)) for more information and to be added to the group's listserv.



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## HOLY REDEEMER Catholic Church



### Weekend Masses:

Saturday Vigil 5:00 p.m.  
 Sunday 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 n.  
 Sacrament of Reconciliation - Saturday 3:30 p.m.

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 Email: parish@holy-redeemer.org

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### April Showers bring May flowers, so what do Mayflowers bring?? Pilgrims

- Don't forget to stop by Berwyn Heights Day on Sat May 4<sup>th</sup>. Pancake Breakfast starts at 8am. Great prices, all you can eat pancakes, family fun and a great place to say Hi to your neighbors!
- Chocolate Festival May 4<sup>th</sup>- Embassy of France.
- Wine in the Woods May 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> Merriweather Post Pavillion.
- Yoga every Tues eve BH town hall 2<sup>nd</sup> fl.

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- TOWN RESIDENT

### Just a few of my Listings/Sales last 30 days!!

"Homework" is what I do best, let me do your" Homework" too!  
**NEW LISTING**-5712 Ruatan St 1880's renovated 5 BR farmhouse- new updt'd kitchen, 2.5 BA, new 4 season rm \$475K  
**SOLD**-9333 Wellington St (Lanham) 3 BR 2 BA split lvl \$317K.  
**SOLD**-5814 Seminole St 3BR 2BA rambler, deck \$290's,  
**SOLD**-8721 63<sup>rd</sup> Av 3BR 2.5BA bungalow w/garage \$350's.  
**UNDER CONTRACT** 3 days-5703 Berwyn Rd 3BR 2 BA rambler





# Berwyn Heights GreenBee



The **GreenBee** is your monthly guide to tips and resources from the Green Team!

**Email** us your ideas at [bgreen.berwynheights@gmail.com](mailto:bgreen.berwynheights@gmail.com).

**Website:** [www.berwynheightsgreenteam.wordpress.com](http://www.berwynheightsgreenteam.wordpress.com)

**Facebook page:** [www.facebook.com/BerwynHeightsGreenTeam](http://www.facebook.com/BerwynHeightsGreenTeam)

**Our next meeting will be Thursday, May 9, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.** at the Town Center, in the G. Love Room.  
All residents are welcome to attend!

## Town Clean-up

Saturday May 18th

10am – 12pm

**Meeting point at the Town Center**

**REMINDER!** The monthly town clean-ups are an opportunity for students to earn SSL hours. The clean-up requires walking through the streets in town to pick up litter, so children must be accompanied by an adult. Please bring your forms to be signed.

## Rain Garden Planting Picnic

Thank you to everyone that came to our very successful Rain Garden Planting Picnic. We had a wonderful turnout.

A special thanks to Public Works for helping setup the event. Another special thank you to Anacostia Watershed Society for educating us all on rain gardens.



## Berwyn Heights Day

Come visit our table at the Berwyn Heights Day on May 4<sup>th</sup>. We will have lots of information on how you can become a greener household.



### Special highlights of the day:

- Announcing the nominees for Trees of Distinction in Berwyn Heights!
- River Birch tree giveaway (while supplies last)
- Education on mosquito spraying and the effect on pollinators
- Find out how to be greener every day.

## Pollinator and Mosquito Spraying Education

You depend on pollinators for 1 out of every 3 bites of food. Pollinators are responsible for pollinating many of our nuts, fruits, and vegetables. Even crops like broccoli depend on pollinators for seed production for the next year's crop.

### Pollinator Poisoning

- Poisoning of pollinators can also result from:
- Drift of pesticides onto adjoining crops or plants that are in bloom.
- Contamination of flowering ground cover plants when sprayed with pesticides.
- Pesticide residues being picked up by foraging pollinators and taken back to the nest/colony.
- Pollinators drinking or touching contaminated water sources or dew on recently treated plants.





## Free Karate Training

Train with Sensei Leon Swain, 6<sup>th</sup> degree black belt, five-time inductee into the World Professional Martial Arts Hall of Fame, and member of Shihan John Roseberry's Sho-Rei-Shobu-Kan Budo Organization.

**BH Town Center 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor | 5700 Berwyn Road**

**Open to all ages/all levels | Year-Round:  
MON & FRI 5:00 - 7:00 pm**

**Executive Club (Seniors) | THU 12:00 – 2:00 pm**

\* **Grilling Fundraiser - Please stop by our table on Berwyn Heights Day**

\* **Special Seminar - May 17, 18 and 19<sup>th</sup> with Visiting Guest Instructor, Sensei Marcus Davilla, a Very Talented Martial Arts Expert**

**For more information, contact Sensei Brett Bentley at 240-678-9103 ([Brett.t.bentley@gmail.com](mailto:Brett.t.bentley@gmail.com)) or Sensei Leon Swain at 301-728-2881**

# COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

## BH Elementary School PTA

President: Marilyn King  
[President@BHESPTA.org](mailto:President@BHESPTA.org)

Secretary: Velma Hamilton  
Treasurer: Lilly Ridge

## Boys & Girls Club

President: Brandon Batton  
Vice President: Angela Wolfinger  
[angela.wolfinger@gmail.com](mailto:angela.wolfinger@gmail.com)

Registrar: Tiffany Papanikolas  
240-338-5191

Treasurer: Sandra Zuniga  
Secretary: Leslie Wolfinger  
Athletic Director: Vacant  
Soccer Commissioner: Vacant  
Track Commissioner: Jeff Osmond

## Education Advisory Committee

Contact: Joanna Whittaker  
[joannawhittaker@gmail.com](mailto:joannawhittaker@gmail.com)

## Green Team/ Shade Tree Board

Chair: Amanda Dewey  
[amandamdewey@gmail.com](mailto:amandamdewey@gmail.com)

Public Outreach: Therese Forbes  
[therese@celticclans.com](mailto:therese@celticclans.com)

## Historical Committee

Chair: Debby Steele Snyder  
[dsteelesny@yahoo.com](mailto:dsteelesny@yahoo.com)

## Men's Basketball League

Jim McGinnis 301-651-8142

## Neighborhood Watch/ Emergency Preparedness/ CERT

Chair Michael Attick  
[mikeattick@verizon.net](mailto:mikeattick@verizon.net)

## Karate Club

Leon Swain 301-728-2881  
Brett Bentley 240-678-9103  
[Brett.bentley@gmail.com](mailto:Brett.bentley@gmail.com)

## Playgroup

Coordinator: Rachel Cicero  
[rachelcicero55@gmail.com](mailto:rachelcicero55@gmail.com)

## Quilter's Club

To be determined

## Recreation Council

President: Susan Jones  
[violindreams@verizon.net](mailto:violindreams@verizon.net)  
Secretary: Theresa Beck  
[beck\\_theresa@yahoo.com](mailto:beck_theresa@yahoo.com)

## Seniors Club

Ray Smith 301-474-3482

## Spring has Sprung!

Consider planting native trees!

Visit the Green Team on Berwyn Heights Day for a free 3'-4' river birch sapling for the first 20 visitors!

Maryland offers \$25 coupons for native trees at participating nurseries. Learn more at [dnr.maryland.gov](http://dnr.maryland.gov).

Tree care tip: Remove harmful English ivy from trees by cutting the vine at the base of the tree. Pull the vine off after the roots have separated from the bark to avoid harming the tree.



Berwyn Heights Shade Tree Board  
**Next meeting: May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019, 7 pm, G. Love Room**  
Contact: Amanda Dewey, [amandamdewey@gmail.com](mailto:amandamdewey@gmail.com)

# May 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 7:00 PM NW/EP Mtg.	2 N & S	3	4 <b>Berwyn Heights Day</b>
5 	6 7:00 PM Worksession N	7 7:30 PM Rec Council Mtg S	8 7:00 PM Town Meeting FY 2020 Budget Adoption Recycling	9 7:00 PM Green Team Mtg. N & S	10	11
12	13 N	14 S	15 Recycling	16 N & S	17	18 10:00 AM Town Cleanup
19	20 7:00 PM Worksession N	21 S	22 7:00 PM BHHC Mtg. Recycling	23 N & S	24	25
26	27 <b>MEMORIAL DAY</b> Town Offices Closed	28 N & S	29 Recycling	30 7:00 PM BHES Talent Show N & S	31	



Please do not park on the street when the street sweeper is in Town to ensure the street sweeper cleans everywhere along the curbs.

Trash, Bulk Trash, Yard Waste  
North-side Collection



Trash, Bulk Trash, Yard Waste  
South-side Collection



Recycling Collection



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#### Town of Berwyn Heights Phone Nos.

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Police (Non-Emergency) .....	(301) 352-1200
Police Administrative Office .....	(301) 474-6554
Code Compliance Department .....	(301) 513-9331
<b>Email: <a href="mailto:code@berwynheightsmd.gov">code@berwynheightsmd.gov</a></b>	
Public Works Department .....	(301) 474-6897
<b>Email: <a href="mailto:publicworks@berwynheightsmd.gov">publicworks@berwynheightsmd.gov</a></b>	
Fire Department .....	(301) 474-7866
Senior Center .....	(301) 474-0018
Community Center (Gym) .....	(301) 345-2808
Town Office .....	(301) 474-5000
Office Hours: MON - FRI 9:00 am - 5:00 pm	
Call-a-Bus Reservations .....	(301) 513-9331

#### Mayor and Council

Stephen D. Isler (301) 537-2228	<a href="mailto:sisler@berwynheightsmd.gov">sisler@berwynheightsmd.gov</a>
Mayor — Public Health & Safety	
Jason W. Papanikolas (240) 338-5191	<a href="mailto:jpapanikolas@berwynheightsmd.gov">jpapanikolas@berwynheightsmd.gov</a>
Mayor Pro Tem — Administration	
Ethan D. Sweep (218) 280-2273	<a href="mailto:esweep@berwynheightsmd.gov">esweep@berwynheightsmd.gov</a>
Councilmember — Public Works	
Amanda Dewey (443)-646-3529	<a href="mailto:adewey@berwynheightsmd.gov">adewey@berwynheightsmd.gov</a>
Councilmember — Parks & Recreation, Education & Civic Affairs	
Jeffrey Osmond	<a href="mailto:josmond@berwynheightsmd.gov">josmond@berwynheightsmd.gov</a>
Councilmember — Code Compliance	
Maria Broadbent—Town Manager	<a href="mailto:mbroadbent@berwynheightsmd.gov">mbroadbent@berwynheightsmd.gov</a>

#### Regular Trash Collection Schedule

North of Pontiac..... Mondays & Thursdays  
 South of Pontiac..... Tuesdays & Thursdays

**Heavy Trash Day:**  
 Monday for North of Pontiac  
 Tuesday for South of Pontiac

**Recycling Schedule:**  
 Wednesdays for the entire Town

#### Town Helpline

Do you have a suggestion or problem or a question on an ordinance, or have a historical question? Want to receive meeting agendas or minutes by email?  
 Email Town at  
[contact@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:contact@berwynheightsmd.gov)  
 Be assured that your communication will be answered promptly

#### Watch Council Meetings



**On Comcast channel 71**  
**FIOS channel 12**

Most recent meeting: M-S 11:00 A.M.  
 2nd most recent mtg: M-S 3:00 P.M.  
 3rd most recent mtg:  
 Tue, Thu, Fri., Sun.: 8:00 P.M.

**Town of Berwyn Heights Website:** <http://www.berwynheightsmd.gov>; Follow us on Twitter @BerwynHeightsMD

Questions — call Kerstin Harper, Administration at (301) 474-5000, or email [kharper@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:kharper@berwynheightsmd.gov)  
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